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Daylight ROBBERY

Kerala bizman robbed by masked gang on Mysuru city outskirts

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK&KS)- Masked assailants ambushed a car carrying a Kerala businessman and robbed him of cash, property documents and his vehicle.

The incident occurred between 8 am and 9 am today in Harohalli, Jayapura Hobli, within the taluk. The victim has been identified as Sufi Ahmed, a businessman from Kerala.

Ahmed, who had left Mysuru earlier this morning, was heading towards H.D. Kote in his Innova SUV when a gang of three to four robbers, who had been tailing his car, overtook it near Harohalli.

A video grab of the incident captured by a passenger travelling on a bus.

The robbers blocked the car, forcibly pulled Ahmed out, assaulted him and made off with a large amount of cash, property documents and the vehicle.

A passenger, travelling on a KSRTC bus behind the scene, captured a video of the masked men dragging and assaulting Ahmed, which has since gone viral on social media.

Following the incident, Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana, Additional SPs C. Mallik and Nagesh, along with Dy.SP Raghu and other officers, arrived at the location to conduct a preliminary investigation.

Reports suggest that Ahmed informed the Police that the car contained Rs. 3 crore in cash along with important property documents, all of which were stolen by the robbers along with his vehicle. However, the Police are ascertaining the victim's version.

Using the footage from the bus, Jayapura Police have registered a case and Dy.SP Raghu is leading the investigation ▪

Dog Dilemma

Ban on feeding stray dogs inside Kukkarahalli Lake leads to feeding on roads

Stray dogs being fed outside Kukkarahalli Lake and nearby streets.

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK&BCT)- The University of Mysore's decision to ban the feeding of dogs, birds and aquatic animals within the Kukkarahalli Lake premises has sparked unrest, with animal rights activists registering their protests by feeding stray dogs twice daily on the public roads outside the Lake.

This act of defiance targets the University, which is the custodian of Kukkarahalli Lake. Signboards have been installed at the Lake's entrances to enforce the ban, which also prohibits the entry of pet animals. Even former MP and animal rights activist Maneka Gandhi has spoken to the varsity authorities to revoke the ban.

While the University has not yet taken a definitive stance on the matter, animal rights activists have sent multiple letters to the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, demanding an immediate reversal of the ban.

Additionally, *Star of Mysore* has received over 100 letters from concerned citizens, animal activists from abroad and Yoga students urging media intervention to address the issue.

The Kukkarahalli Lake campus is home to over 70 stray dogs that have made the expansive water body their habitat.

(See DOG on page 6)

Mysuru Girl is Kho Kho World Champ

B. Chaithra of Mysuru posing with the Women's Kho Kho World Cup trophy at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi yesterday.

[See also Page - 6 & 8]

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 20th January 2025

Chamarajanagar farmer couple for Republic Day in Delhi

Chamarajanagar, Jan.20 (TRR)- Chinnaswamy and K.S. Girikanye, the farmer couple of Vaddagere village in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarjanagar district, had a pleasant surprise when they were informed that the Central Government has invited them to participate in Republic Day (R-Day) celebrations at New Delhi on Jan.26. The couple will be one among more than 1,500 farmers who have been invited to be a part of the celebrations.

It is learnt that the invitation to farmers to take part in this year's R-Day is in the wake of government's decision to invite farmers who are beneficiaries of various pro-farmer policies implemented by the Central Government.

Chinnaswamy *Girikanye*

Chinnaswamy, a columnist-cum-writer in Kannada and his wife Girikanye will reach Delhi on Jan. 25 following an invitation by the Ministry of Water Resources. They will return on Jan. 28.

It may be recalled, last year B.M. Manjunath of Kollegal and his wife Pushpalatha had been invited to witness R-Day Parade in Delhi. Manjunath was invited in honour of his Kannada poem 'Malagu Kanda...' winning first prize in national-level contest.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE VIRTUE OF MODERATION: ***In a world seething with extremes of emotion, moderation is a virtue, a balance, the moral courage to face the truth and negotiate the middle road. The wars we witness between Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine without hope of cease fire or truce and denial of saner voices are an expression of aggrandisement and delusion of power where they refuse to tread a middle path. In a world beset with impermanence that permeates all aspects of life including inanimate objects and the ultimate powerlessness of man what place do tightly held beliefs and fundamentalist notions have? History has taught us that empires have fallen and regimes have disappeared on account of the hubris of man and civilisations when they granted rights to its people and accepted their heterogeneousness, endured.***

Lord Buddha who was born a prince sought answers to the questions of life — the processes of pain, grief, ageing and ultimate departure. He subjected himself to self-abnegation and self-denial but discovered neither indulgence nor deprivation as the key to life. He discovered the middle path or the golden mean, the Madhyama Pratipada to life, shunning extremes. The man who walks the middle path has a sense of proportion and equilibrium, that helps him to avoid the passions and pleasures of life on the one hand and extreme self mortification on the other. The eight fold middle path of Buddha comprises right views, right aspirations, right speech, right conduct, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right meditation. An adherence to these values would surely give us a sense of moderation.

The middle path we need to tread is by no means a compromise of our values but a negation of extremes that end in fruitless labour. All extremes of action and thought result in rigidity and firmly entrenched views of anger, resentment and hatred leaving no room for understanding, forgiveness or regret. It is only when we can see the point of view of others with empathy we arrive at moderation. One of the great examples of moderation comes to us from Christ to whom a coin with the emblem of Caesar was brought and asked to whom the coin should be given, Caesar or God? Christa reply was "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

—Sudha Devi Nayak in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Doctor performs vasectomy on himself

Taipei: A Taiwanese plastic surgeon has been getting a lot of attention for sharing a video of performing a vasectomy on himself on social media, as a gift to his wife.

Chen Wei-nong, a father-of-three, who works at a plastic surgery clinic in Taipei City, went viral this week after sharing a rather unusual clip on his Facebook and Instagram profiles. To put his wife's mind at ease, the young doctor decided to get a vasectomy and to make sure there was no risk of botching the procedure, he performed it himself, recording the entire process for educational purposes.

After presenting a list of 11 steps involved in the operation, Chen got local anaesthesia and then started working on himself, so to speak. Because operating on yourself isn't very common, a procedure that usually takes about 15 minutes ended up taking an hour, but it was a success.

The world's only [mostly] vegetarian spider

New York: There are around 45,000 species of carnivorous spiders in the world, with one exception — Bagheera kiplingi, a jumping spider known for feeding exclusively on plants.

Native to the forests of Central America and Mexico, Bagheera kiplingi is only 5-6 mm long and spends most of its time on old leaves of acacia trees, waiting for their favourite meal – the Beltian bodies — that grow on the tips of young acacia leaves. In order to gorge on their meal, these spiders need to go through aggressive ants that also feed on Beltian bodies, quickly clip it off with their fangs and run away to a safe place to feast on it. Rich in lipids and proteins, Beltian bodies are very nutritious for insects, but extremely unusual for arachnids, the vast majority of which are carnivorous.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: PCOS can be cured

Reality: Polycystic ovarian syndrome can be controlled by diet and exercise and medications.

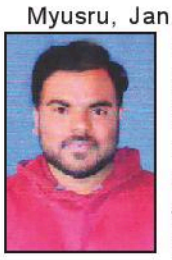
By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Ph.D awardees

Myusru, Jan. 20- **Theertha Prasad** has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'N. Boralingaiah Avara Baduka-Bareha' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N.M. Talawar.



K. Manju has been awarded Ph.D in Economics and Co-operation by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'An Economic Analysis of Production and Marketing of Sugarcane in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.V. Dinesha.

P. Shekara has been awarded Ph.D in Economics and Co-operation by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'An Analysis of Housing Finance in Karnataka State' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Mahendrakumar.

A. Nitish has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Root Cause Analysis, Threat Interpretation and Network Survivability Prediction in Heterogeneous Networks' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Hanumanthappa.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **122.24 feet**	Today's level **2,280.17 feet**	Today's level **2,836.23 feet**
Last year's level **92.40 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.21 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.60 feet**
Yesterday's level **122.36 feet**	Saturday's level **2,280.30 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,836.16 feet**
Today's Inflow **605 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **93 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **308 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,277 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The world's most common fish, the 'bristlemouth,' is a member of the genus Cyclothone and can't be seen with the naked eye.*
- *Living 250 feet down in the ocean, this small fish grows up to no less than 3 inches (7.6 cm) and can be expertly camouflaged.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tiny Clara heard her mother say that a neighbouring lady had a new baby.
She got puzzled over the matter and asked her mother:
"Oh" Mummy, what is she going to do with her old one?"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.54
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.73
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.56
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.27

VOICE OF THE READER

Footpath encroachments tarnish our city's charm

Sir,

This is about the news report, *'City roads turn into showrooms!'* published in *SOM* dated Jan. 11.

Such streetside establishments are an eyesore whether in the city, its extensions or industrial areas. They pose significant safety risks to motorists and pedestrians alike. Ironically, our systems act only after accidents occur, often offering illogical justifications in hindsight.

There is no denying that officials collude with these footpath traders, eateries and similar establishments, allowing them to operate fearlessly, in blatant violation of statutes.

Government agencies such as Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Municipal Councils and Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) should take decisive action to clear these encroachments en masse and work towards beautifying the city and industrial areas.

Many of these establishments, emboldened by illicit arrangements with local authorities, go as far as laying concrete, and tiles, erecting roofs and platforms, and setting up stools and chairs to conduct regular business — all right under the administration's nose.

Meanwhile, many motorists, displaying little to no common sense, park their vehicles — from trucks to two-wheelers — insensitively, ignoring safety hazards. They spend leisurely time at these footpath vendors and eateries, further exacerbating the problem.

The grievances of taxpaying businessmen are, therefore, entirely justified. *SOM* was right to highlight this issue, supported by the Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

The message is simple: If citizens collectively recognise the importance of preserving the beauty and serenity of our city, we can all cooperate and work together to recreate its charm.

I urge the authorities to respect and uphold the heritage values of our city. Take immediate action to vacate footpath vendors and restore the city's beauty.

—V.N. Prasad

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Health talk highlights senior citizens' well-being

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (BCT)- As part of its monthly Health Talk series, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, recently hosted an insightful session featuring renowned physicians Dr. N. Chandrasekhar from Aditya Adhikari Hospital, Gokulam, and Dr. Sainath from PKTB Sanitorium. The event focused on promoting health and longevity among senior citizens through preventive measures and healthy practices.

Dr. Chandrasekhar emphasised the significance of periodic health check-ups and timely medical consultations, reiterating the age-old adage, "prevention is better than cure."

Dr. Sainath, drawing from over three decades of experience at the PKTB Sanitorium, highlighted advancements in tuberculosis (TB) treatment that have significantly reduced mortality rates.

He urged seniors to adopt safe practices, including using a stool or chair for bathing, avoiding bending and maintaining a balanced diet to manage blood pressure and sugar levels. Regular blood tests for sugar, hemoglobin and BP monitoring were also recommended.

He also shed light on the historical significance of the PKTB Sanitorium founded by the Maharajas of Mysore.

March 24, recognised as National TB Day, commemorates the efforts to combat the disease.

Dr. Sainath elaborated on modern TB treatments, which typically span six months, and stressed the need for nutritional support, such as consuming sprouted grains, buttermilk with salt and juices, while avoiding spicy foods and taking medications as prescribed.

He also addressed the plight of economically disadvantaged TB patients who struggle with costly medications, underscoring the importance of health insurance to cover medical expenses. He encouraged families to support patients emotionally, as neglect exacerbates their condition.

The session was presided over by Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of the Council. K.S. Krishna, Secretary, welcomed the gathering and introduced the speakers, while Prof. Javare Gowda proposed a vote of thanks.

Prominent attendees included K.V .Ramanath Vice-President, Swamy, Dr. K. Shankare Gowda, Susheela Mari Gowda, S.V. Venkatesh, Jayapala, Subramanya Bhat, D. Srinivasa, B.V. Narasimham, Latha, S. Manorama, Suresh, K.S. Poonacha, P.B. Ramanna, V.N. Achar and Dr. S.R. Venkatappa.

Vishwa Manava Double Road declared 'No Parking'

Mysuru, Jan. 20- A 300-metre stretch of Vishwa Manava Double Road from Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle to KEB Junction, featuring cycle tracks on both sides of the road, has been declared as a 'No Parking' area.

An order to this effect was issued by Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar on Saturday, under the various provisions of the Indian Motor Vehicle (IMV) Act, 1988, and the Karnataka Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. No parking orders had been issued in the interest of the safety of motorists and smooth movement of traffic, the order noted.

It comes after the Inspector of Krishnaraja Traffic Police Station made a recommendation because of the presence of several hotels, temples, garages and commercial shops on the road that also feature cycle tracks on both sides of the road.

Hindrance

The Police pointed out that customers visiting the cafes, garages and other commercial outlets on the road park their vehicles in the area earmarked for the cycle track, posing a hindrance to the cyclists as well as to the smooth flow of traffic. Hence, the decision.

Aero India 2025

in Bengaluru from Feb. 10

Show open to public on Feb. 13, 14

Bengaluru, Jan. 20 (PIB)- The 15th edition of Asia's largest aerospace exhibition, Aero India 2025, is all set to take place at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru from Feb. 10 to 14, 2025.

With the theme, 'The Runway to a Billion Opportunities', the event promises to provide a platform for forging global partnerships, highlighting indigenous advancements, and accelerating the indigenisation process in the aerospace sector.

The first three days (Feb. 10, 11 and 12) will focus on business activities, while the last two days (Feb. 13 and 14) will be open to the public, allowing attendees to witness exhilarating air displays and static exhibitions of various military platforms from the aerospace sector.

Aero India 2025 will feature a curtain raiser event, an inaugural ceremony, a Defence Ministers' Conclave, CEOs' Round Table, and an iDEX start-up event. Dynamic air shows and an expansive exhibition area showcasing India's aerospace capabilities will further highlight the event's importance.

Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor visits Gen. Thimayya Museum

Madikeri, Jan. 20 (PS&BCT)- Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor, head of the Indian Air Force Training Division in Bengaluru, recently visited General K.S. Thimayya Museum at Madikeri.

During his visit, he gathered comprehensive information about the memorial, as well as General Thimayya's birthplace, Sunnyside, where he learned more about the brave officer's military life.

Speaking at the event, Air Marshal Kapoor described his visit to the museum, which showcases detailed accounts of India's hero, as a rare and meaningful experience. He emphasised that General Thimayya's life and service should inspire the younger generation.

The manager of the memorial hall, Subedar Major Gowdanda Thimmaiah, also provided detailed insights into the museum's exhibits to Air Marshal Kapoor.

Other attendees included Deputy Director of the Kannada and Culture Department Kumar, Sainik Welfare Board Officer B.R. Shetty, and staff members of the General Thimayya Memorial Hall P.R. Mohan, Ramya Machaiah, and Subhash.

NEWS BRIEFS

Jayanti celebrations

The Mysuru District Administration has organised Ambigara Chowdaiah Jayanti celebrations at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises tomorrow (Jan. 21) at 11.30 am. Also, Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanti will be celebrated on Feb. 3 at 11.30 am at the same venue.

Swami Vivekananda Jayanti

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram has organised Swami Vivekananda Jayanti at its premises in Yadavagiri tomorrow (Jan. 21). Vedic Chanting at 5.15 am; Mangalarati and Bhajans at 5.30 am; Special Puja at 7.30 am; Shivasahasranama Parayana at 8 am; Bhajans at 9 am; Reading at 10.30 am; Arati at 10.45 am; Homa at 11 am; Prasad Distribution at 12 noon; Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm; Discourse in Kannada on 'Swami Vivekananda' from 6 pm to 6.50 pm; Arati and Special Bhajans from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Swati Puja

Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple in the premises of the Mysuru Branch of Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt on Kalidasa Road here on Jan. 22. The rituals will begin with Sankalpa at 8 am, followed by Abhisheka at 9 am, Alankara at 10.30 am, Mahamangalarathi at 11.30 am, Shattumorai at 12.30 pm and Prasada distribution at 1 pm. Prakarotsava will be held at 7.30 pm, according to Temple Head Vid. K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Murali Iyengar). For details, contact Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271.

Calling artistes

Anubhuti Trust, Mysuru, has been set up to do new experiments in the field of arts and theatre. Interested singers, actors and other artistes may contact Trust Secretary Srividya Kamath on Mob: 97424-72777 or Committee Member Anusha Rao on Mob: 94487-39224.

Matrimonial meet

A Veerashaiva - Lingayat matrimonial meet has been organised under the joint aegis of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Veerashaiva Mutt Seers Forum (Goshti) and Bidugalu Paduvalu Sri Virakta Mutt, Sargur taluk, in the city on Mar. 9. Interested eligible brides and bridegrooms of the community can register along with all required documents at the Forum Office located at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Circle in city or at Paduvalu Sri Virakta Mutt. For details contact Mob: 99641-51105 or 94815-28665 or 94490-30588.

Rowdy-sheeter murdered in Palahalli, Srirangapatna

Srirangapatna, Jan. 20 (KS)- A rowdy-sheeter was allegedly murdered while his two friends were brutally assaulted on the outskirts of Palahalli village in the taluk on Saturday night.

The deceased has been identified as Supreeth alias Suppi (30), son of Venkataramana of the village. The injured are Arjun and Rishi. Arjun, who has sustained serious injuries, has been admitted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru.

Deceased Supreeth, who owns about one acre of land on the outskirts of Palahalli, has constructed a shed in the land and was rearing race bulls. About two days ago, he had participated in the single bullock cart race at

Deceased Supreeth

Saali village and had won the second prize. His friends Arjun and Rishi had come back to the village on Saturday morning and were staying in the shed while Supreeth had gone to his house.

The assailants, who had collected information about Supreeth, came to the shed on Saturday night, launched a murderous assault on Arjun. They even assaulted Rishi and asked him to call Supreeth and tell him to come to the shed. When Rishi called Supreeth over the phone, one of his (Supreeth) family members received the call and informed Rishi that Supreeth had gone out leaving his phone behind.

Rishi then called his friend Karthik and asked him to come to the shed. When Karthik came to the shed, the assailants sent Rishi with him (Karthik) asking them to bring Supreeth to the shed. Rishi and Karthik then went to Supreeth's house and Supreeth, who had come to his house by then, came along with Rishi and Karthik to the shed.

As soon as Supreeth arrived, the assailants attacked him with lethal weapons and then smashed his head with a boulder killing him. Before killing Supreeth, the assailants had reportedly disrobed him and burnt his pant. After committing the murder, the gang carried away the boulder which was used to smash Supreeth's head.

On Oct. 2, 2023, one Kunta Vini was murdered and it is suspected that Supreeth was killed as an act of revenge. It is also suspected that Kunta Vini's brother Pramod and his accomplice Koli Abhi, who are in jail, had hatched a plot to eliminate Supreeth in the jail itself and had got Supreeth killed.

Supreeth, who was accused in the murder of Vinod alias Kunta, was in jail and had come out on bail about six months ago. As Supreeth got involved in an attempt to murder case, he was sent to jail and he came out on bail on Nov. 14, 2024. On Feb. 12, 2024, Prajwal alias Papu, a friend of Supreeth, was murdered in broad daylight by Kunta Vini's brother Pramod and gang at Palahalli as an act of revenge over the murder of Pramod's brother. Now Prajwal's friend Supreeth has been murdered. In the last one-and-a-half years, series of murders have taken place at Palahalli which has shocked the villagers.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, Additional SP C.E. Thimmaiah, Dy.SP Murali and staff, visited the spot on Saturday night itself and conducted preliminary investigation. Srirangapatna Town Police have registered a case.

Over 30 passengers injured as KSRTC bus topples on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

Mandya, Jan. 20 (MR&KS)- As many as 33 passengers were injured when a KSRTC bus proceeding from Chamarajanagar to Bengaluru toppled on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Rudrakshipura in Maddur this morning.

The KSRTC bus (KA-10-F-0520), which left Chamarajanagar today morning, was proceeding on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway towards Bengaluru. When the bus was passing Rudrakshipura in Maddur taluk at about 8.45 am, the bus driver lost control of the bus, which hit the road divider and toppled injuring the passengers.

Passersby, who rushed to the help, shifted the injured to Maddur Government Hospital. Two passengers, who had sustained serious injuries, have been shifted to MIMS Hospital in Mandya.

Meanwhile, Mandya District Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, who was on his way to Mandya, visited the spot and collected information about the accident. He then instructed the officials concerned to take immediate steps to provide treatment to the passengers.

Mandya DC Dr. Kumara, who visited Maddur Taluk Hospital, enquired about the health of the injured passengers and instructed the officials to shift the injured passengers to MIMS Hospital in Mandya and private hospital if needed. The DC also instructed the KSRTC officials to take care of the medical expenses of injured passengers if they are admitted to private hospital.

Zilla Panchayat CEO Sheik Tanveer Asif, District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Mohan, KSRTC District Controller Nagaraju and others accompanied the DC.

Woman killed, another injured in road accident

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (SBD&KS)- A woman was killed while another sustained injuries in a series of accident on Bogadi Ring Road here on Friday.

A Kerala registered SUV (KL-77-B-2772), which was speeding on the Service Road of Bogadi Ring Road, hit an electric scooter and a Maruti Alto car near Raja Ramanna Circle killing Roopa (38), wife of Prathap of K. Hemmanahalli, who was riding the electric scooter besides injuring one Mahadevaiah, who was in the car.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa and staff inspected the spot. Based on the complaint from deceased Roopa's husband, KR Traffic Police have registered a case against Harshad, who was driving the SUV.

Obituary

Zameer Ahmed

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Zameer Ahmed (66), Owner of Gokul Stone Crusher (T.M. Hosur, Mandya) and a resident of Udayagiri in Mysuru, passed away on Jan. 17.

Son of late Ahmed Hussain, he leaves behind his wife, four daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Aqsa near Fountain Circle, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Sixth Mysuru Literary Fest-2025

Akkamahadevi, a rebellious voice in Kannada poetry

Prof. Rajendra Chenni says she represented the pinnacle of emancipation in women's poetry

Mysuru, Jan 20 (PM&BCT)- Prof. Rajendra Chenni, former Professor of English at Kuvempu University and currently serving as the Director of the Manasa Centre for Cultural Studies in Shivamogga, opined that Akkamahadevi represented the pinnacle of emancipation in the tradition of Kannada women's poetry.

He made these remarks at the 6th Mysuru Literary Fest-2025, organised by the Mysore Literary Association, at the Maharaja's College Centenary Hall yesterday.

Speaking on the topic, "Conformity and Transgression: Women's Poetry in Kannada," Prof. Chenni provided a nuanced perspective on role of Akkamahadevi in Indian literature. He stressed that confining Akkamahadevi's contributions solely to devotional literature and vachanas is a narrow and inadequate interpretation. In Indian literary history, she stands as a rebellious poet who challenged the patriarchal system and courageously condemned men's lustful gaze through her poignant vachanas.

Confronting sexual harassment

"Akkamahadevi is arguably the first poetess in Kannada literary tradition to confront the issue of sexual harassment. In her vachana, 'Ennaneke noduviri ele annagalira?' (Why do you look at me, oh brothers?), she scathingly criticises the lecherous stares of men," he remarked. Prof. Chenni elaborated that Akkamahadevi's writings vividly depict the oppressive impact of such behaviour, using stark and uncompromising language to call out societal hypocrisy.

Prof. Rajendra Chenni

Reflecting on the current status of women, Prof. Chenni observed, "We live in a world rife with contradictions regarding women's status and expression. On one hand, women have gained access to public spaces that were historically denied to them. On the other, they continue to face battles for their rights and freedom of expression in literature and art."

He expressed deep concern over the persistence of forces that undermine women's progress, creating an environment steeped in prejudice. While many women have broken barriers across various sectors, he lamented that countless others remain marginalised and deprived, particularly those from disadvantaged classes.

Prof. Chenni further highlighted that Kannada women poets have played a pivotal role in shedding light on these issues and proposing solutions through their writings. He noted that the modern tradition of Kannada women's poetry, which has evolved over the past 80 years, continues to enrich the literary landscape by addressing women's struggles and aspirations.

No GST on poetry for now

There's no GST on poetry at present. Especially on women's poetry. I would like to express my gratitude to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for not imposing a heavy GST on it, said Prof. Rajendra Chenni.

I also wish to thank all the Governments that have not yet declared poetry to be dangerous, he added.

No ban on smoking due to huge revenue loss: Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar

Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (PM&BCT)- Oncologist and Entrepreneur Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar, who heads Bharath Cancer Hospital, Mysuru, voiced his disappointment over the Government's reluctance to ban smoking, despite its well-established link to cancer, citing revenue concerns as a major obstacle.

Speaking at a panel discussion 'Doctorpreneur's Journey: Decades Across Countries and Cultures' during the Mysuru Literary Fest, he revealed that smoking contributes to 40 percent of cancer cases.

He shared that he had personally appealed to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to implement a nationwide smoking ban. However, the proposal was not adopted due to concerns about potential revenue losses.

Dr. Ajaikumar underscored the urgent need for a comprehensive strategy to prioritise public health, emphasising the importance of universal healthcare and educational initiatives for children in rural areas.

Reflecting on his professional journey, the well-known Oncologist said, "I went to America in 1975, where advanced technology was already being utilised for cancer treatment. After two decades, I returned to India with the mission of providing effective cancer care and founded Bharath Cancer Hospital in Mysuru as a non-profit institution."

He highlighted that cancer does not discriminate based on socio-economic status, affecting individuals across all strata of society. "Both men and women are vulnerable to various forms of cancer. In the past, patients often had to travel far for treatment. To address this gap, we established Bharath Cancer Hospital in Mysuru," he added.

Story-telling's timeless charm meets future tech

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (PM&BCT)- The Mysuru Literary Fest 2025 featured thought-provoking sessions that captivated the audience with diverse themes.

Professional story-teller Lavanya Prasad delved into the universal art of story-telling, exploring how narratives shape emotions, build trust and leave lasting impressions across generations. Her session, "What's Your Story?" highlighted story-telling as an innate human trait woven into everyday life.

Lavanya highlighted story-telling as an inherent human trait, noting that everyday interactions, such as spouses sharing stories, are common examples. Engaging the audience with the question, "When was the last time you told a story?" she received answers ranging from school memories to events just days ago.

Lavanya Prasad

Lavanya pointed out that story-telling is a constant presence in daily life. "Even explaining to your boss why you're late for work is a form of story-telling," she remarked, underlining that the art is deeply ingrained in human nature, often practised subconsciously.

Noted Scientist Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad (extreme right) receiving memento from Mysore Literary Association President Prof. K.C. Belliappa.

She shared a touching anecdote about her grandfather, who inspired her love for story-telling. "When I was young, he would answer all my questions through stories," she recalled. This approach, she explained, not only made the information memorable but also created a lasting impression.

Renowned Scientist Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad took the audience into the realm of future innovation with his talk, "Reimagining Indian Education for a Technologically Changing World."

Prof. Shivaprasad envisioned an imminent technological revolution driven by advancements in nanotechnology, biotechnology, and AI, while emphasising the urgent need for educational reform to prepare students for this rapidly evolving landscape.

He underscored the pressing need for educational reform to keep pace with global transformations. "It is vital to educate students about the rapid changes shaping our world. Alongside English, our curriculum must include lessons in economics, science and ethics," he suggested.

Kho Kho World Cup-2025

'Dream Run' for Mysuru girl Chaithra

Mysuru girl B. Chaithra receiving the 'Player of the Final' award from dignitaries during the victory ceremony held at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi yesterday.

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Dreams come true. For some it may be quick and for others it might take a longer duration. In case of B. Chaithra, daughter of farming couple from Kuruburu village in T. Narasipur taluk of Mysuru district, the glory days have just started.

Chaithra, who got the best ever birthday gift after being named in the Indian Women's Kho Kho team early this month, continued her dream run by emerging 'Player of the Final' in the just concluded first Kho Kho World Cup at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi yesterday.

Having played a crucial role in semi-final against South Africa, Chaithra continued her domination in finals scoring 'Dream Run' which ensured the team's victory in the final against Nepal.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* soon after the victory ceremony, Chaithra, who was on cloud nine, said, it was a dream come true moment for her as she had never imagined playing in the World Cup.

"I was confident of sporting the Team India jersey for an international tournament. But to be playing at the World Cup and to emerge as 'Player of the Final' is something that I would cherish during my life time," she said.

Prior to the World Cup, little was known about Chaithra. And with her sterling performance at World Cup she is now famous not only in the State but in all Kho Kho playing nations including India.

"I feel so elated when people come to me and request for a selfie like they pose with cricketers and other famous personalities. I only hope I continue to play well to bring glory to my native village Kuruburu, my State and my Country," said Chaithra.

The celebrations in Kuruburu was at peak when Chaithra was declared the 'Player of the Final.' Her parents Basavanna and Nagarathna, sharing the joyous moment said, "The entire Kuruburu village was rejoicing after Chaithra won the award. It is a great achievement for a girl from a village to rise to national fame. We are also grateful to her coach Manjunath for his support and encouragement."

Manjunath was also in euphoria watching his student perform at the highest level and contributing for Team India's victory at World Cup. "The entire team played consistently well. But Chaithra's Dream Run in both semi-final and final is a remarkable achievement. It only displays her dedication and commitment towards the sport. I hope more and more players from rural areas get inspired by Chaithra and take up the sports of their interest to bring laurels to the State and the Country," he said.

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Dog Dilemma

(Continued from page 1)

While the University of Mysore has stated that the feeding ban was implemented in response to public complaints about dog attacks on morning and evening walkers and to maintain Lake cleanliness, NGOs and animal rights activists opposing the ban argue that such measures cannot be based on uninformed public sentiment.

Ban violates law

They have termed the ban a draconian and unlawful attack on the lives of innocent animals, calling for its immediate repeal. Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Savitha Nagabhushan, Managing Trustee of People for Animals, criticised the University's move, stating that it violates the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the Animal Birth Control Rules and Supreme Court guidelines.

"We have submitted a memorandum to the Vice-Chancellor, highlighting various laws that protect the rights of animals and their habitats, but no decision has been made yet," she said.

She further said that if the University aims to control the stray dog population, it must do so through sterilisation, not by starving them. "The authorities seem to be trying to starve the dogs in hopes that they will leave the area. This constitutes forcible relocation, which goes against Supreme Court rulings. Furthermore, relocating the dogs to other areas will inevitably cause conflicts, shifting the problem from one part of the city to another," she added.

Voice of support

Bhamy V. Shenoy, Founding President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), criticised activists for selectively interpreting the law to suit their views while ignoring broader issues.

He noted that Kukkarahalli Lake, which was dog-free a decade ago, now faces an encroachment of dog populations due to rampant feeding by animal activists. This has displaced the birds that once roamed freely in the Lake. Shenoy emphasised that protecting the environment is a Constitutional duty, which includes safeguarding biodiversity, now threatened by the increasing dog population. He pointed out the rise in dog attacks on walkers.

He affirmed that the University of Mysore made the right decision by banning feeding and urged public support for this move. He stressed that dogs have ample space outside the Kukkarahalli Lake area and the ban was a necessary step for both human and animal welfare.

'52 dogs vaccinated, 17 sterilised'

Animal rights activist Tara Mitra of Paws & Om told *SOM* that, in collaboration with NGOs, they have vaccinated 52 dogs, performed 17 sterilisations and treated over 60 dogs at Kukkarahalli Lake over the past year. They also provided medical care, including surgeries and treatments for tick fever, mange and injuries.

"Most of these efforts are self-funded. Feeding is crucial to keep the dogs healthy and reduce aggression and spread of disease," she said.

However, the cost of feeding is Rs. 16,000 per month and the situation has worsened. In the past 11 days, many dogs have gone without food, 20 puppies have disappeared and one dog was found dead. While only 20-30 dogs are coming out for food, over 50 others may be starving, potentially leading to conflicts, she said.

We have maintained status quo, says VC

Prof. Lokanath

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK&BCT)- University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath stated that the University is yet to decide on the animal feeding ban.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the VC explained that he has received multiple letters requesting the revocation of the ban and advocating for compassion.

"The decision to ban feeding was made after representations from walkers and senior citizens who feel threatened by the rising stray dog population. We cannot make an immediate decision and need to carefully consider the pros and cons. It has come to our attention that animal feeders are now feeding strays outside Kukkarahalli Lake," he said.

"The University will take an informed decision after considering all scenarios and seeking public opinion. For now, the status quo is maintained and a suitable decision will be made," he assured.

Elections to two Co-operative Banks held but vote counting withheld

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (SBD&DM)- The city on Sunday saw elections to two prime Co-operative Banks of Mysuru — The Mysore Co-operative Bank at Gandhi Square and The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank on Jaganmohan Palace Road.

While the polling to elect the Board of Directors of Mysore Co-operative Bank was held from 9 am to 4 pm at Dasara Exhibition Grounds, the voting for Merchants Co-operative Bank took place at Alamma Choultry in Shivarampet.

However, the counting of votes polled in respect of both the Banks, which was to be taken up soon after the voting ended, has been withheld due to a Court stay. The ballot boxes, which were sealed soon after the polling hours ended, were shifted to the District Treasury for safe custody.

The polls were held to elect 12 Directors (one Director has been elected unopposed in both banks) each in both the Banks. While 39 candidates contested in the Mysore Co-operative Bank polls for 12 seats, 21 candidates contested for the 12 seats in Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank.

Out of the 13,500 electoral strength of Mysore Co-operative Bank, as many as 10,721 members exercised their franchise, while 3,704 out of the 4,448 members of Merchants Co-operative Bank cast their vote.

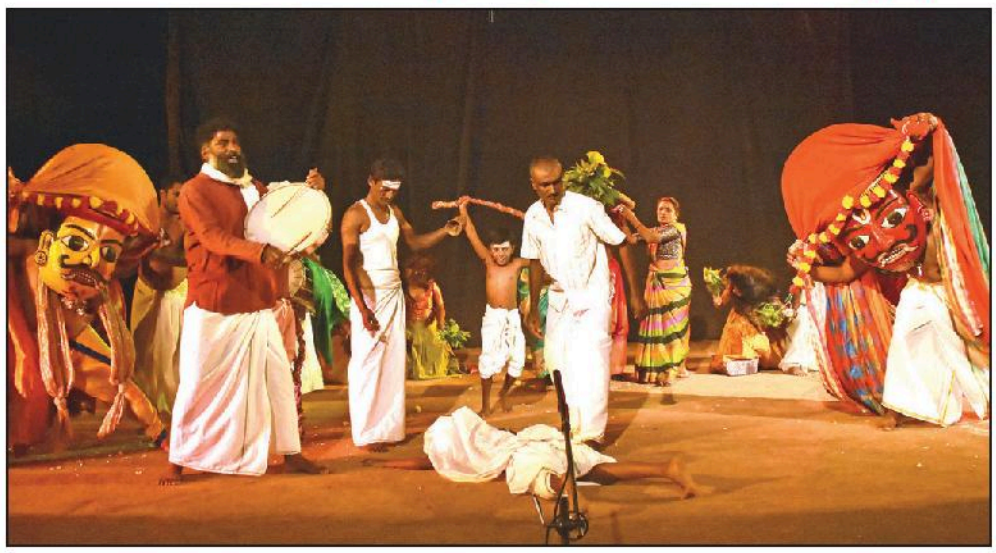
The Dasara Exhibition Grounds, where the election to the Mysore Co-operative Bank was held, wore a similar look to any Legislative Assembly polls, with a large number of people seen all around the venue.

However, the scene around Alamma Choultry seemed to be less buzzing, with fewer number of people seen around the venue.

The Police had provided tight security around both the venues.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival draws to close

Over one lakh people visit Rangayana during the six-day long event



Artistes of Savithri Bapule Stree Shakthi Tanda, Dindiganur, Hassan staging the play 'Keri Hadu' at Vanaranga. Picture right shows City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar watching the play 'My Family' along with her family members at Kalamandira in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (MTY&VNS)- The six-day long Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival organised by Rangayana came to a close yesterday with staging of famous plays and folk dances.

This year's national theatre festival organised with the theme 'Liberation: Social Justice – Movements and Theatre' attracted a lot of audience from various sections of the society. This year's plays and events were selected aptly according to the theme and none of the audience who watched the plays went with disappointment. In fact, there were occasions when the audience had to return disappointed, with auditoriums being jam packed.

As usual, the stalls at Bahuroopi too attracted a good business with people purchasing books, artifacts, khadi clothes and of course relisihing varieties of delicacies. People were also seen enjoying the folk performances held at Kindarijogi premises and Children's Bahuroopi Theatre Festival, which was held for the first time, also received good response from the theatre buffs.

Speaking to mediapersons, at Rangayana this morning, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur said that over a lakh of people had visited the theatre repertory during the 6-day Bahuroopi Theatre Festival and added that the repertory had generated Rs. 2.50 lakh to Rs. 2.75 lakh through sale of tickets for the plays held in all four stages.

"A total of 1,200 artistes including those who performed street plays, took part in the national theatre festival which witnessed about 80 percent occupancy on the first two days and 100 percent occupancy on the remaining four days. Totally, about 8,000 people watched the plays during Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival," he added.

When asked about people complaining about lack of basic facilities, Satish Tiptur said that the issue would be looked into in the future. Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudharshan and Rangayana Senior Artiste Nandini were present.

Wakf Board row

Srirangapatna bandh total

Srirangapatna, Jan. 20 (VK&KS)- The bandh in Srirangapatna called by various organisations to protest against the Karnataka Wakf Board's claims on land and historical structures which had sparked unrest among farmers and local residents was total with commercial and other establishments downing the shutters in support of the bandh.

The protestors, who gathered at Kuvempu Circle, sought support from the public, staged a massive protest and shouted slogans against the Wakf Board. Following the protest, traffic was disrupted on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway for some time. If the protest intensifies, the Police are likely to divert traffic.

As a precautionary step, the Police have installed barricades around Jamiya Masjid and Police personnel have been deployed to prevent any untoward incidents from taking place.

The protestors, belonging to various organisations including Raitha Hitharakshana Samithi, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Bajrang Dal, Farmers' Associations and Mandya Rakshana Vedike among other organisations, shouted slogans against the Wakf Board and demanded that the Wakf Board be scrapped. They also urged for saving the lands belonging to farmers.

The protestors, who marched towards the Taluk Office, blocked the old Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway with cattle and formed a human chain. They then tried to enter the Taluk Office, but were prevented by the Police, who were present in large numbers.

The protest was on near the Taluk Office, when we went to the press at 1.30 pm.

Donald Trump to take oath as 47th US President today

Donald Trump

Washington, Jan. 20 (Agencies)- On Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, US President Joe Biden will officially transfer power to President-elect Donald Trump during a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Donald Trump will then begin his second term as the 47th President of the United States. As per the 20th Amendment, the presidential term ends at noon, and the president-elect is sworn in shortly after.

Trump's swearing-in ceremony is set to begin at 12 pm Eastern time and 10.30 pm IST. However, activities will kick off earlier in the morning as the Trump couple is expected to attend a service at St. John's Church in Washington.

While Chief Justice John Roberts will administer the presidential oath to Donald Trump, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, appointed by Trump in 2018, will administer the oath to Vice President-elect J.D. Vance.

Due to cold weather, the swearing-in ceremony and other proceedings have been moved indoors, marking a historic shift in tradition and will take place inside the Capitol Rotunda, the first time since 1985, when Ronald Reagan's second inauguration was moved indoors due to frigid weather.

Trump also cancelled the traditional parade. Instead, guests have been invited to view the proceedings at Capital One Arena, where Trump plans to join them following the ceremony.

After the swearing-in, Trump is expected to head directly to the Oval Office, where he has announced plans to sign a series of executive orders on key policy areas, including immigration, economic reform, and government restructuring.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will represent India at the swearing-in ceremony. During the visit, Jaishankar will also have meetings with representatives of the incoming administration, as well as some other dignitaries visiting the US on that occasion.

Kho Kho World Cup-2025

Team India Champions

▶ Both Women and Men's teams defeat Nepal in finale

▶ Mysuru's B. Chaithra emerges as 'Player of the Final'

New Delhi, Jan. 20 (Agencies) - The Indian women's and men's teams created history at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi yesterday by beating Nepal in their respective finals to emerge as Kho Kho World Cup-2025 champions.

While the Indian men's kho kho team beat Nepal 54-36 in the title clash, the women's team outplayed the Nepalese eves by a 78-40 scoreline. The tournament featured 20 men's and 19 women's teams.

At first, the Indian women's team, displaying masterclass of speed, strategy and skill, scripted history by clinching the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup-2025 title. The Women in Blue dominated Nepal in a spectacular final, sealing their victory with an emphatic score of 78-40.

A brisk start epitomised Turn 1 as the Indian attackers took charge of proceedings. Three batches in, the Nepal women were out by simple touches on seven occasions, with 14 points to India's name. Skipper Priyanka Ingle was in the best of form for her team with multiple touch points to her name, as the Indians started off in an exceptional manner. This was enough to take the Women in Blue to 34 points and preventing a single Dream Run for the Nepal team.

Manmati Dhami got Vaishnavi Pawar and B. Samjhana eliminated Priyanka Ingle but B. Chaithra (of Mysuru) took India's first batch of Turn 2 into the Dream Run. It wasn't for long though, as Dipa completed ALL OUT just moments later. This got the side back into the game but they only scored 24 points at the end of Turn 2, with an 11-point deficit at half time.

Team India was once again a dominant force in Turn 3, never allowing the Nepal defenders to settle in their stride. B.K. Dipa was a regular for Nepal but it went in vain throughout, ensuring that the Indians edged closer to the trophy. B. Chaithra was the orchestrator of the Dream Run for India, taking the score to a massive 78 points in Turn 4. Their batch went on for a massive 5 minutes and 14 seconds, closing out the game for India and confirming them as the first-ever champions of the Kho Kho World Cup-2025.

Jubilant Indian Women's Kho Kho team posing with the World Cup at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi yesterday. Mysuru girl B. Chaithra is seen sitting extreme left.

Indian Men's Kho Kho team celebrating their victory against Nepal in the finals of Kho Kho World Cup - 2025 on Sunday night.

Sky dives by Men in Blue

The Men in Blue dominated the final against Nepal with a commanding 54-36 victory, led by outstanding performances from Captain Pratik Waikar and tournament standout Ramji Kashyap. They joined the women's team, who dominated Nepal in another excellent final, sealing their victory with an emphatic score of 78-40.

Attacking first, an exceptional sky dive by Ramji Kashyap got Nepal's Suraj Pujara. Suyash Gargate then touched Bharat Sahu to give India a great start with 10 points in just 4 minutes. Sky dives were the name of the game for the Men in Blue and this ensured a bright start for the side in Turn 1, preventing the Dream Run for their opponents. At the end of the turn, the scoreline was 26-0 in favour of Indians — a perfect start for the side.

In Turn 2, Nepal were not able to match Team India's levels but did prevent the side from going on a single Dream Run. Aditya Ganpule and skipper Pratik Waikar carried the team through this turn and despite regular touches from the likes of Janak Chand and Suraj Pujara, the side carried a 26-18 lead into the second half of the clash.

India were in their stride in Turn 3, displaying unwavering confidence throughout. Captain Waikar shone on the mat with multiple sky dives and with the support of Ramji Kashyap, another star of the tournament. Aditya Ganpule was also at his finest, and the team's collective effort took the score to 54-18 entering the final turn of the match — and the tournament.

Nepal fought hard in Turn 4 in their bid to come back against Team India. But the defenders, once again led by Pratik Waikar and this time Sachin Bhargo — fondly known as Chingari — proved too strong. Mehul and Suman Barman were equally impressive and this sealed a much-deserved trophy for Team India as the score read 54-36 at the end of the final.

Kho Kho World Cup finals witnessed former Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, Supreme Court Justice Pankaj Mithal and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju gracing the occasion. Also present were Odisha's Minister of Sports & Youth Services and Higher Education Suryabanshi Suraj, International Kho Kho Federation President Sudhanshu Mittal and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Jt. General Secretary Krishna Gopal.

3-day Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave concludes

A group photo of the leaders of various teams and sub-teams, who were felicitated with mementoes for their efforts during the valedictory of the three-day Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave at Maharaja's College Grounds in Mysuru yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (SPN&DM)- The three-day Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclace-2025 organised by International Lingayat Youth Forum (ILYF) at Maharaja's College Grounds drewto a close yesterday.

Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre, who took part in the valedictory of the event, said that Veerashaiva-Lingayat community should become employers rather than job seekers and the community should strive for building such capacity among the youth.

Stressing on the need for providing guidance and investment for those willing to set up start-ups, Khandre said that youths are the foundation of the community. "The youth of the community can bring about societal changes if they make up their mind. However, it is concerning to note that some are going out of the way after getting addicted to bad habits and things. As such, it is important to provide jobs to such youths and bring them back on the right path," he noted.

Maintaining that Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mutts have contributed a lot in building a new India, Khandre said that the Mutts have been providing education and food to people from all communities for centuries. "However, the Lingayat community has many sects and sub-sects, which has given rise to a few problems. This has impeded the coming together of leaders and entrepreneurs on a single platform. As such there is an urgent need for unity among the community," he pointed out adding that the community can uplift other sections of the society only if it is united and formidable.

Noted playback singer Ananya Bhat and team presenting a Live Musical Concert during the valedictory of Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave yesterday. Picture right shows actor Daali Dhananjay being felicitated on the occasion.

Observing that it is the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community which gave social justice to the entire country, the Minister said, however, it is regretful to note that the same community has to plead before the Governments for getting reservation.

Avinash Palegar of ILYF said that the 3-day Conclave had 180 stalls and recorded a business transaction of Rs. 112 crore. This apart, the Conclave has been successful in getting a business lead amounting to Rs. 130 crore, he said adding that the event saw a registered footfall of 35,000. He further said that the seminars and sessions drew a good response.

Actor Daali Dhananjay was felicitated on the occasion.

Speaking after being felicitated, Dhananjay, who began his talk by rendering a Vachana of Allamaprabhu, said that he is working by following the traditions of Sharanas and adhering to Vachanas. Stating that commitment to work alone can take one to bigger heights, he lauded the efforts of ILYF in this direction.

ILYF Mysuru Conclave Chairman B.S. Prashanth, in his address, thanked all those who had extended their support and co-operation for the success of the event. Pointing out that a hearse van has been donated to the MCC at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh for the conduct of last rites of dead persons, he appealed the community members to make use of it.

Jayant Humbarwadi, Joint MD of Ashok Iron Group, Belagavi and others too spoke.

Curtains were drawn on the Conclave with noted playback singer Ananya Bhat and team presenting a Live Musical Concert, which enthralled the huge gathering on the final day on Sunday.

MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, community leader Hinkal Basavaraju, ILYF Charitable Trust Chairman Santosh Kenchamba, ILYF Mysuru Chapter President K.S. Mahadeva Prasad, Hon. Secretary Santosh Somaraju, Vice-President K.H. Kiran, Joint Secretaries T.S. Shashi Kiran and S. Theertha, Treasurer A.P. Manu, Administrator C.R. Swamy, T.S. Lokesh, H.S. Veeresh, Dr. Dharma Prasad & M. Mahesh (Chamarajanagar Vice-President) were present.

Actor and playback singer Rajesh Krishnan & team performing on the day-2 of Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Business Conclave on Saturday.

'Entrepreneurs should strive for making Mysuru a commercial hub'

Earlier on the second day of the event on Saturday, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, who spoke as a chief guest, called upon entrepreneurs, industrialists and businessmen to make Mysuru a larger commercial hub.

Pointing out that Mysuru is often referred to as the Cultural and Heritage Capital of the State, Harishgowda said that Mysuru will feature in the global map as a Commercial Hub as well if it becomes a place for large volume of manufacturing, business and trade.

"It is good development that Veerashaiva-Lingayat community entrepreneurs have come together on a single platform in this Conclave. The Vokkaliga community members too had organised such a conclave by the name 'First-Circle' at Bengaluru earlier this month. I suggest the ILYF leaders B.S. Prashanth, K.S. Mahadeva Prasad and others to also organise a Business Conclave on a much bigger scale by engaging entrepreneurs from other communities too," he said.

Opining that the ILYF Conclave in Mysuru will help the city earn 'Commercial City' tag at the global level, he noted that such Conclaves will help in job creation and provide ample career opportunities for youth.

Basavanna and Nagarathna, parents of kho-kho player Chaithra of Kurubur in T. Narasipur taluk, who represented the county in the Women's Kho-Kho World Championship and World Record Holder Anvith S. Swamy were felicitated on the occasion.

Actor and playback singer Rajesh Krishnan, accompanied by singer Archana Udupa, presented a melodious musical nite.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath, ILYF Mysuru Conclave Chairman B.S. Prashanth, ILYF Members Ayarahalli Virupaksha, Suresh Vaali, M.G. Girish, Gejjagalli Mahesh and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Virtuoso

Pronunciation: ver-choo-OH-soh (Noun)
Meaning: Virtuoso is used broadly to refer to a person who does something very skillfully & is often used specifically to refer to a very skilful musician.
Origin: English speakers borrowed the Italian noun virtuoso in the 1600s, but the Italian word had a former life as an adjective meaning both "virtuous" and "skilled." The first virtuosos (the English word can be pluralised as either virtuosos or, in the image of its Italian forbear, as virtuosi) were individuals of substantial knowledge and learning ("great wits," to quote one 17th-century clergyman). The word was then transferred to those skilled in the arts and specifically to skilled musicians. In time, English speakers broadened virtuoso to apply to a person adept in any pursuit.
Example: "The newly assembled band finished its engagement and, shortly after, proceeded to New York to record Rich versus Roach (1959), a concept album pitting [Max] Roach in a drum battle with famed bandleader and drum virtuoso Buddy Rich." — Colter Harper, Jazz in the Hill: Nightlife and Narratives of a Pittsburgh Neighborhood, 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Ophidiophobia

Fear of snakes.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Queer The Pitch

Meaning: This phrase is used to explain the act of ruining, interfering with, or even completely spoiling something, usually related to business.
Origin: Sometime around 1812, people started to use the term "queer" as a synonym for "ruin." An example can be found in statements like "the milk's gone queer," which describes spoilt milk. It's not exactly clear when the term "queer the pitch" came into use as an idiom.
Example: "Jack was just getting into his call to action when someone in the audience started shouting in an attempt to queer the pitch."

QUOTE BOX

The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places. **—Ernest Hemingway**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FIBRE

Answer: High fibre.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Insane or angry
4 Rap sheet letters
7 Unit of heredity
11 Law enforcement agency
12 Memory, in short
13 Mimic; one who copies slavishly?
14 Depict
17 Jan van der ____ : famous Dutch artist?
18 Assured
20 Pub game
22 Cause to spin
23 Period or age
24 Jewelled head-band
27 Confronting boldly or daring
31 Over there
33 Male singer
34 Automated online program
35 Male of deer
37 Steam bath
39 Feel elated; be like a buoyant or jubilant person? (5,2,3)
42 Stylish and fashionable
43 Rare, infrequent or occasional
46 Search thoroughly
47 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
48 Airspeed Indicator
49 Breakfast order
50 Lightning Sensor Sys.
51 Last in a long line

DOWN

1 Multi-Function Display
2 White House nickname
3 Infamy
4 "A rim" anagram for an Arab chieftain?
5 Skewered Arabic meal
6 Facility
7 Indonesian orchestra
8 Fencer's blade
9 Requirement
10 Make mistakes
15 Use a knife
16 An Ethiopian prince
19 Group of three
20 Rock group ___ Leppard
21 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
25 Music director alas no more (1,1,6)
26 Vast age
28 Bugs and other creepy crawlies
29 N in NB
30 Taking place little by little
32 Required Time of Arrival
36 Bell ringers or chimes; medals
37 S. American city __ Paolo
38 ___ at : make it one's goal?
39 Assailant; ruffian
40 Sound a bell
41 In brief, sergeants and corporals
42 Fidel's friend Guevara
44 The German for 'east'
45 Not Invented Here

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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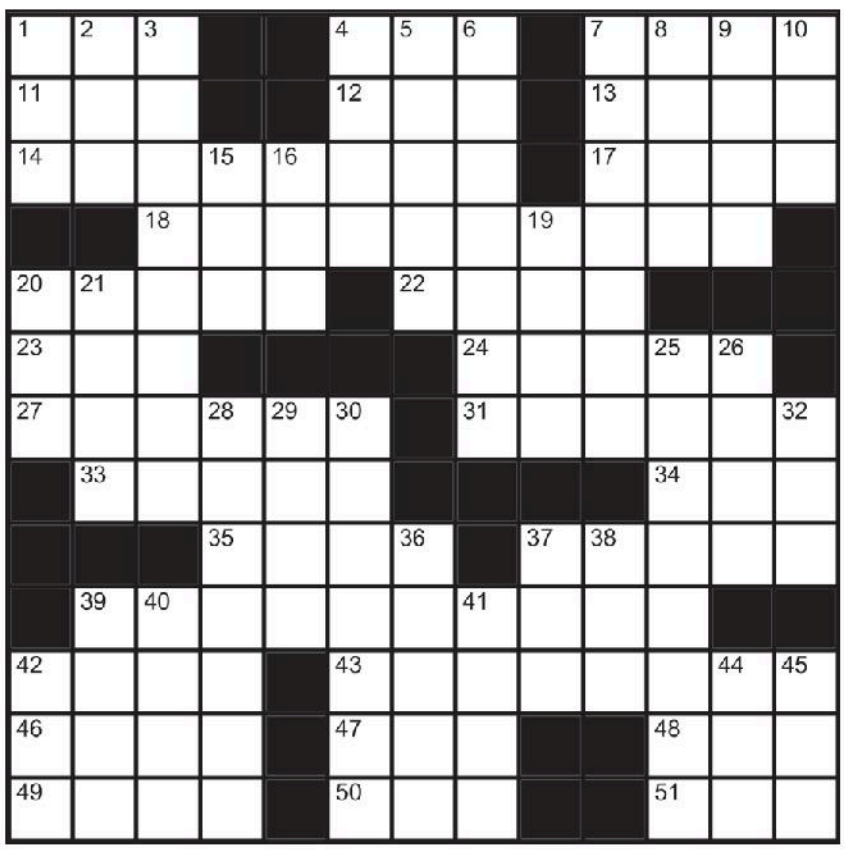

SUDOKU

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	6	5						
	2			8			7	
4			6		3			9
	3			1			8	
						4	9	
6			7					5
	9	4			5			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	2	5	9	4	6	3	1	8
4	1	8	7	3	2	5	9	6
6	3	9	8	1	5	7	2	4
9	7	4	6	5	1	8	3	2
3	5	6	4	2	8	9	7	1
2	8	1	3	7	9	4	6	5
8	9	7	2	6	4	1	5	3
1	6	3	5	8	7	2	4	9
5	4	2	1	9	3	6	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OED JPFD R HOXCT FDURWRPMH OED JPFD R VJ LPMARMLDC

OEVO JVM MDADF SPFHERGGDC VMTOERMW QXO ERJHDUK.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS G

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Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Kannamuche Kaadegoode (K)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Sankanthiki Vasthunam (Te)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Ennu Swantham Punyalan (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Kadhalikka Neramillai (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Azaad (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Pravinkoodu Shappu (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Max (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Emergency (H)	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	: 10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm
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Ravanapura (K)	: 11 am
Max (K)	: 1.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 1.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.10 pm
Kanna Muchhe Kaade Goode (K)	: 4 pm
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Choo Mantar (K)	: 10.30 am, 4 pm, 9.30 pm
Wolf Man (E)	: 10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 11.15 am, 1.25 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
A Real Pain (E)	: 12 noon, 8.10 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 12.55 pm
Azaad (H)	: 1 pm, 6.40 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	: 1.20 pm
Max (K)	: 2.05 pm, 7.45 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 4.50 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 4.55 pm
Satya (H)	: 10 pm
Nosferatu (E)	: 10.15 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	: 9.50am, 12.45pm, 3.40pm, 6.35, 9.30pm
Emergency (H)	: 10 am, 1.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 10.20 am, 2 pm, 4.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Azaad (H)	: 10.55 am, 10.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 12.55 pm
Max (K)	: 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	: 4.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 7.10 pm

Kumbh Mela at T. Narasipur from Feb. 10 to 12

District Minister asks officials to provide basic amenities, security for devotees

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (MTY)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa has directed officials concerned to make elaborate preparations to ensure all basic amenities and security are provided for the devotees taking part in the three-day 13th Kumbh Mela to be held at Triveni Sangama in T. Narasipur of Mysuru district from Feb. 10 to 12.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa** (centre) **addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House in city yesterday as** (from left) **SP N. Vishnuvardhana, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Dy. Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and Mysuru ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri look on.

Briefing reporters after holding a preliminary meeting of Kumbh Mela-2025 at Jaladarshini Guest House in Mysuru yesterday, Dr. Mahadevappa said necessary instructions have been issued to the officials to ensure that the event is plastic-free and maintain cleanliness and hygiene.

The tradition of holding the Kumbh Mela at T. Narasipur began in 1989 and the event is held once in three years by the Kumbh Mela Trust comprising Seers of different Mutts with financial assistance from the Government. The District Administration has already held preliminary meetings of both district-level and taluk-level.

While the organisers had sought financial assistance of Rs. 10 crore, the Govt. will decide on the allocation. "Last time Rs. 4 crore had been allocated. This time, it is expected that the Government may allocate Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 6 crore," he said.

The allocation of funds will be used for arrangements of basic amenities, including drinking water, toilets, transport facilities, repair of roads, police security, lighting and bathing arrangements, besides the cultural programmes that will be organised during the event.

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is expected to deploy more buses from different parts of T. Narasipur. Local artistes will be given more opportunities during the folk and cultural programmes.

MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah said, a large number of devotees will participate in the Cauvery Arathi to be performed on Feb. 11. He instructed the officials to ensure that the cultural programmes to be organised as part of the Kumbh Mela reflect indigenous culture.

He further emphasised the need for taking precautionary measures at bathing ghats and earmarking parking spaces for the convenience of the visitors. Also, he directed officials to ensure that cleanliness is maintained at food distribution places. He also pointed out that fire safety measures should be in place.

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy said, the last Kumbh Mela was held in 2019. Though the event is held once every three years, the 2021 event was not held given the COVID-19. "Five places have been identified to take bath in the river. One yaga shale will be constructed and necessary steps will be taken to build six Kuteeras," the DC added.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 20)

- **Parampare:** Lecture on 'Vairagyanidhi Akka' by Dr. Veena Bannanje, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 21)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, Vedic Chanting, **5.15 am;** Mangalarati and Bhajans, **5.30 am;** Special Puja, **7.30 pm;** Shivasahasranama Parayana, **8 am;** Bhajans, **9 am;** Reading, **10.30 am;** Arati, **10.45 am;** Homa, **11 am;** Prasad Distribution, **12 noon;** Bhajans by Sri Sharada Samvit Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on 'Swami Vivekananda,' **6 pm to 6.50 pm;** Arati and Special Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
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Emergency (H)	: 10.15 am, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Game Changer (Te)	: 12.40 pm
Pravinkoodu Shappu (Ma)	: 12.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Azaad (H)	: 1.20 pm, 7.25 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 4 pm, 10.30 pm
Max (K)	: 4.25 pm

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Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	: 10 am, 10 pm
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Emergency (H)	: 10.20 am, 1.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha - 2 (K)	: 11.30 am, 4.05 pm, 7.25 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	: 1.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Ravanapura (K)	: 2.05 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	: 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Azaad (H)	: 4.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Kanna Muchhe Kaade Goode (K)	: 4.45 pm
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